



National Archives and Records Administration

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National Personnel Records Center

The National Personnel Records Center - Military Personnel Records (NPRC-MPR) is the repository of millions of military personnel, health, and medical records of discharged, retired, and deceased veterans who served during World War I to the present. NPRC-MPR does not have records for those in the active or inactive reserves or the National Reserves. NPRC-MPR stores the military service records for:

Branch of Service	Official Military Personnel Folders at NPRC-MPR [separation dates]
U. S. Air Force	Officers and Enlisted with discharge dates 1951 to September 30, 2004
U. S. Army	Officers and Enlisted with discharge dates 1951 to September 30, 2002
U. S. Navy	Officers and Enlisted with discharge dates 1951 to December 31, 1994
U. S. Marine Corps	Officers and Enlisted with discharge dates 1951 to December 31, 1998
U. S. Coast Guard	Officers and Enlisted with discharge dates 1951 to present

Requesting Military Records from NPRC-MPR

Federal law [5 USC 552a(b)] requires that all requests for records and information be submitted in writing. Each request must be **signed** (in cursive) and **dated** (within the last year). You can request copies using one of the following methods.

- Standard Form (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records
To download a SF 180, visit www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records
- eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/>

This website is only for veterans and their immediate next-of-kin (spouse that has not remarried, son, daughter, father, mother, sister, or brother of the deceased veteran). It is primarily used for obtaining a copy of a DD214 or equivalent separation papers but you can also request the full service record. The system will prompt the requester to print out a signature page. The requester must sign the signature page and return it to NPRC- MPR via mail or fax. No action will be taken on any request until the signature page is received. After submitting your request, you must send the signature page within 20 days or your request will be removed from the eVetRecs system.

- Mail a letter which includes certain basic information needed to locate military service records. This includes: the veteran's complete name as used in service, service number,

Social Security number (if applicable), branch of service, dates of service; date and place of birth.

Note: If the request pertains to Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912 and January 1, 1960 or Air Force personnel discharged between September 25, 1947 and January 1, 1964 with last names after Hubbard, James E., include the place of discharge, last unit of assignment, and place of entry into the service, if known.

Send your written request to:

Mailing Address:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Fax: (314) 801-9195

Request Status

By Phone: (314) 801-0800

By E-mail: mpr.status@nara.gov. Include the request number, the name, address, and telephone number of the requester, and the veteran's branch of service.

The Fire of 1973

On July 12, 1973, a fire at NPRC-MPR destroyed the majority of the Army and Air Force personnel records. The fire destroyed 80% of the service records of Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912 and January 1, 1960 and 75% of Air Force personnel discharged between September 25, 1947 and January 1, 1964 for service members with last names after Hubbard, James E.

Other Records Available through NPRC-MPR

- Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) including an active duty health record (information about outpatient, dental, and mental health treatment)
- Clinical (inpatient hospitalization) records created for military personnel while on active duty
- Morning Reports and Unit Rosters
- Philippine Army and Guerrilla Records

For additional information, visit <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html>.

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